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116 missing from rig in North Sea disaster

OSLO, Norway, March 28 (AP) — Rescuers have located 108 survivors from the floating "hotel" platform that capsized in a stormy North Sea oil field Thursday, a Phillips Petroleum Company spokesman said Friday.

The bodies of seven persons were found and some 116 persons were still missing, Phillips Information Secretary Per Bjorklund said.

Bjorklund said there had been confusion about how many people were on board the "Alexander Klund" platform at the time of the accident but that the figure most likely to be correct was 215, given by the coastal rescue center at Sola near Stavanger.

The large-scale rescue and search operation by Norwegian and British ships, helicopters and planes continued in darkness through the night. One lifeboat with 20 people aboard was found soon after midnight. All 20 were unhurt, Bjorklund said.

Israeli talks in Alexandria stalled again

CAIRO, March 28 (AP) — A day after the latest talks on Palestinian autonomy failed to make any progress, President Anwar Sadat issued Friday the May 26 deadline should be met "or else a new situation will arise."

He met with President Jimmy Carter's special envoy, Sol Linowitz, to review the one-day negotiating session in Alexandria Thursday but primarily to discuss his forthcoming summit with Carter in Washington.

"We have focused mainly upon the visit that I shall be making," Sadat told reporters. "Let us hope that everything will be brighter. I'm still optimistic."

He has referred to "a new situation" before, without giving details. Some officials here have indicated Egypt would support European diplomatic initiatives on the Middle East that go well beyond what Washington desires.

Linowitz headed the U.S. delegation to the Alexandria talks. After several long meetings with Egyptian officials, the only concrete decision that emerged was to form yet another committee. This would supervise previously-formed committees, all of which have made no significant headway.

The talks began 10 months ago and are to be completed on May 26. The Israelis say this is only a target date, but Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil has called it a deadline that cannot be extended without a prior breakthrough.

With a breakdown looming, Carter invited Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to Washington for separate summits.

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French Jews urge PLO talks

PARIS, March 28 (AP) — Twenty Jewish leaders published a manifesto Friday attacking the French Jewish leadership and calling for peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

In a press communique, the signatories claimed that the conventional Jewish institutions of France "create a false and one-sided image of what the Jews of France are thinking."

The signatories, who called themselves "The Collective Initiative of Leftist Jews," vowed to fight against antisemitism in France and for Jewish rights in the Soviet Union.

But they rejected the notion that Israel is central to Judaism, and refused "any obedience whatsoever toward Jerusalem or the Zionist movement."

The manifesto went to demand that Israel negotiate with the PLO, and accused the Jewish state of discriminating against its Arab population.

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The biggest rescue operation since World War II is underway, officials said, with diving teams, six helicopters and 24 ships plucking survivors from the freezing waters or recovering bodies.

All that could be seen of the huge platform was its four legs sticking up in the air, the rest of it submerged underwater.

Most of the rig workers aboard the rig leased by Phillips Petroleum of Norway were working, sleeping in the "floating hotel" or watching a movie when the rig capsized Thursday night. First word was an alarm at 6:30 p.m.

"There was an almighty crack then chaos," said British rig worker Tony Sylvester, who was briefly trapped in the cinema.

The latest figures from the Norwegian rescue center at the coastal port of Stavanger showed 53 men missing and 149 workers rescued.

In London, the British Foreign Office said among those aboard the platform were 170 Norwegians, 35 Britons, three Finns, a Spaniard and a Portuguese. There were no Americans reported on board, the Foreign office said, although many U.S. nationals work in the North Sea fields.

The rescue center said it hoped to send divers and diving bells out to try to rescue anyone trapped alive in air pockets within the wreck.

Phillips Petroleum, which chartered the French-built, 1,000-ton platform, said there were 225 men aboard Thursday night when the storm hit with 60-mile winds and 20-foot waves.

Phillips spokesman Per Bjorklund said the workers were changing shifts, crossing a bridge connecting the hotel platform to a production rig about 300 feet away, when a huge wave collapsed one of the hotel rig's five steel legs, and it overturned.

The hotel rig's unused drilling platform, weighing 200 tons, made it top heavy when the platform leg broke and unbalanced the rig, experts explained.

The capsizing pulled away the bridge, and the production rig stayed upright. The 85 workers aboard it were evacuated to Stavanger.

One of the survivors, Olav Forsheim, told reporters he was in the theater with 25 to 30 other workers waiting for the film to begin "when we heard explosions outside."

"The platform immediately leaned over and in 15 seconds it laypsid 30 to 40 degrees," he continued. "We were all thrown back against the wall, and the light went out leaving us in complete darkness. People panicked as everyone was rushing for the doors. I believe quite a few were trapped inside because the doors were jammed."

"I myself managed to get to the upper deck, which was already half way under water. I grabbed some warm clothes, an overall and a life jacket, realizing that my chance was to jump overboard and try to swim to the Edda production rig, some 40 meters away."

"It may sound an easy task to swim such a distance, but I can assure you it wasn't. Freezing water, violent winds and heavy waves broke my strength down almost immediately, and I was barely half way over when a rescue basket was lowered from Edda and I was hauled up."

Forsheim said he turned round and saw the hotel platform turning upside down.

Windfall profit tax passes in U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON, March 28 (R) — President Jimmy Carter, cheered by final passage of his "windfall" oil profits tax, has urged Congress to quickly enact other key elements of his energy conservation program.

The Senate passed the \$227.3 million tax of excess oil profits Thursday, 66 to 31, sending the bill to the White House for Carter's signature. The House of Representatives passed the bill, 302 to 107, on March 13.

The president introduced the legislation in April, 1979.

"This is good news for our country and also good news for the world," a beaming Carter told reporters after the vote.

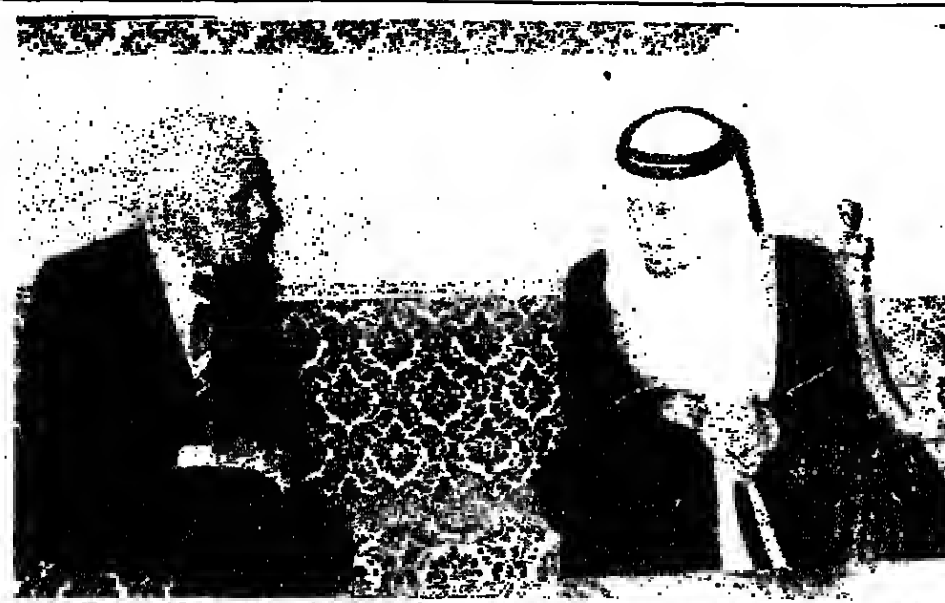
He said Senate leaders had promised to continue work on two other key energy bills, creation of a special board to approve energy projects and federal aid for synthetic fuel production. Both bills have been stalled in Congress for several months.

Carter frequently called the oil tax bill the centerpiece of his program to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil imports.

Revenues from the tax, the largest ever passed by Congress, will be used to develop alternative sources of energy and mass transit and to help lower income families pay their energy bills.

Adeni minister to visit Kingdom

JEDDAH, March 28 (SPA) — The foreign minister of South Yemen, Salam Saleh Muhammad, is arriving here Saturday on a visit to Saudi Arabia. He will meet Foreign Minister Prince Saud and other officials, and perform the Umra, or minor pilgrimage.



CONFERRING: Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and King Khaled discuss bilateral relations in Riyadh before Benjedid flew to Jeddah to perform the minor pilgrimage.

Arafat says Afghan crisis cannot be solved by force

NEW DELHI, March 28 (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Friday that political and diplomatic measures, not military force, were the only means to end the three-month-old Afghan crisis.

Arafat, who arrived earlier in the day, made the statement during a prolonged meeting with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who shared a similar view and approach to the problem, an Indian spokesman told reporters.

The Palestine Liberation Organization is using its influence with all parties concerned to find a solution to the crisis, the spokesman quoted Arafat as telling Mrs. Gandhi.

The PLO, which has enjoyed Soviet support, joined in the unanimous condemnation at January's Islamic conference of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The bearded leader's two-day visit, apparently planned at short notice, follows New Delhi's decision Wednesday to confer full diplomatic recognition to the PLO.

Arriving aboard an executive jet provided by the United Arab Emirates, he was greeted at Delhi airport by Mrs. Gandhi and External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao.

Arafat, talking briefly to reporters, called Mrs. Gandhi "one of the closest and nearest friends of the Arab nations and the Palestinian people."

"This relation between my people, the Palestinian people, our nation, the Arab nation, with India is a very old one," the PLO chairman told reporters. "One civilization, one present and one future."

India on Wednesday became one of the

few non-communist and non-Muslim countries to grant the PLO full diplomatic recognition, which dictated "head of government" protocol for Arafat during his two-day visit here, Indian officials said.

However, less than half of the diplomatic corps turned out to greet him on his arrival, mainly Middle East and Soviet bloc ambassadors.

As Arafat in green military dress and Mrs. Gandhi in a purple sari and holding a parasol approached an airport enclosure, about a dozen Palestinian students chanted, "long live Arafat, long live Palestine, revolution until victory!"

India has long taken a pro-Arab stand on the Middle East question. Although it recognized Israel in 1950, and permitted the Jewish nation to establish a consulate in Bombay three years later, the two countries never exchanged ambassadors.

The PLO's mission here will continue to be called a representative office, as it has been since 1975, but its members will be treated like other diplomats here, he said.

India's sudden move puzzled some leading newspapers here.

"It is not quite clear why New Delhi has chosen this time to accord full diplomatic recognition to the PLO and invite its chief, to visit this country," commented the *Time* of India. But it praised the decision.

"The Palestinian people constitute a distinct nation in the fullest sense of the term and they are, therefore entitled to a state of their own whatever its final boundaries," the English-language daily said.

Soviets refute Iranian call for Afghanistan discussions

MOSCOW, March 28 (AP) — The official Tass news agency on Thursday denounced a reported claim by Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh that the Kremlin had agreed in principle to talks with Iran and other nations in the region in an effort to stop the fighting in Afghanistan.

Tass said it found Ghotbzadeh's assertions "strange, to say the least," and "mildly speaking (a) free interpretation."

Ghotbzadeh was quoted earlier this week as saying his country proposed the regional talks more than two weeks ago, and indicating the discussions also should involve Pakistan, the Soviet Union, the Afghan government, Afghan freedom fighters and perhaps China.

The Iranian foreign minister was quoted further as saying the Soviet ambassador to Iran had accepted the principle of such negotiations which were aimed at a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and guarantees of territorial integrity and neutrality for the Muslim nation which lies on Iran's eastern border.

Tass said Ghotbzadeh's claim that the talks were proposed in concert with the Soviets was "without any foundations."

Tass acknowledged Ghotbzadeh spoke with the Soviet ambassador, but said: "Nothing resembling the present statement of the Iranian minister had been concerted."

Tass said once again that the Kremlin's position is that Soviet troops would not be withdrawn from Afghanistan until "outside aggression" ceased. The news agency said the Soviet leadership remains firmly opposed to the "imposition of neutrality" on Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has signaled interest in Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca's surprise visit to Pakistan where he offered mediation between Pakistan and the Moscow-backed government of Afghanistan.

The signal came through publication in the Central Soviet Press of a brief report by the official Tass news agency on Malmierca's arrival and talks he had with President Zia ul-Haq although the report made no mention of the mediation proposals.

Senior foreign diplomats in Moscow said it appeared certain the move was primarily aimed at encouraging dialogue between Islamabad and Kabul and achieving effective recognition by Pakistan of the Babrak Karmal administration.

Diplomatic sources in the Afghan capital said Malmierca flew there from Moscow last week before he went on to Islamabad on Tuesday, apparently carrying a message from President Fidel Castro, who is current chairman of the non-aligned movement.

Meanwhile, fighting continues as a unit of 360 Afghan army soldiers and officers defected to the freedom fighters north of Kabul recently only to find themselves under heavy Soviet ground and air attack, according to a report received Thursday night from Afghanistan.

The unit mutinied on March 16, four days after receiving marching orders to move out from its base at Hussain Kot, 14 kilometers north of Kabul, and two days after going into battle against Muslims. The Muslims are fighting the pro-Soviet government and the Soviet army, which entered Afghanistan in force last December.

An unspecified number of defectors were killed while others succeeded in joining the Muslim side, according to the information, from a source that in the past has proved reliable.

In other developments, Moscow is "plundering" natural gas from Soviet-controlled Afghanistan and so far this year has bought 30 times more gas than it imported in 1979—and at half the world price, Tehran radio reported Wednesday night.

Kingdom to keep oil price levels

OTTAWA, March 28 (R) — Saudi Arabia will not increase its crude oil prices in line with a planned increase by Iran of about \$2 a barrel, Petroleum and Mineral resources Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani said.

"I think the market now is coming down and I don't see a reason for any increase," he said after informal talks with Canadian Energy Minister Marc Lalonde. "We cannot oppose what the Iranians do for themselves, but we do not follow suit."

In Tehran oil minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said Iran would raise its official oil prices by about \$2 a barrel from Tuesday.

Lalonde quoted Sheikh Yamani as saying in their talks that world oil needs would probably drop this year because of recession and Saudi Arabia would like to cut production from the present 9.5 million barrels a day to 8.5 million barrels.

They discussed possible exchanges in later years of Saudi crude oil for Canadian assistance in industrial development, he said.

King holds talks on Algerian ties

JEDDAH, March 28 (SPA) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid left here Friday after offering prayers at the holy Haram and performing the Umra, (minor pilgrimage).

Benjedid arrived in Riyadh Thursday. He was received at the airport by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naeem the Mayor of Riyadh.

The Algerian delegation includes Muhammad Saleh Al-Yahyawi, member of the political bureau and coordinator of the party, Muhammad ibn Yahya, member of the political bureau and foreign minister, Abdullah Balouchan, member of the political bureau and army general commissioner.

Foreign Affairs Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said that Benjedid's first visit to the Kingdom and Arab countries will have great advantages concerning the views of these countries.

The visit will have positive effects on bilateral relations between Algeria and Arab countries and on the Arab situation in general, Prince Saud said Thursday in a statement.

Khaled gave a dinner at the royal palace in Muzairi in honor of the Algerian President and his delegation. It was attended by Crown Prince Fahd and other senior officials.

Saudi-Algerian talks began Thursday under King Khaled and President Benjedid dealing with issues of mutual interest and bilateral relations between the two countries.

The discussions were attended by Prince Fahd, Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, Prince Saud, foreign minister, Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masoud, minister of state and member of the council of ministers and Sheikh Abdullah Al-Malhouq the Kingdom's ambassador to Algeria.

The Algerian side include Muhammad Saleh Yahyawi, Muhammad ibn Yahya, Lieut. Col. Abdullah Balouchan, Muhammad Amir, member of the political bureau and chairman of the social affairs committee and Muhammad Al-Mustapha Muiza, Algerian ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Benjedid left Riyadh Friday morning for Jeddah. He was seen off at the airport by King Khaled, Prince Fahd and Prince Salman.

A twenty-one gun salute boomed in honor of the Algerian leader, as he was saluted upon his arrival.

Benjedid was received here by Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen the acting governor of Mecca and Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Jeddah district commissioner.

Later, he left for Mecca for prayers.

Announcing his expected arrival in Yemen the official SABA news agency said Friday that his talks with President Ali Abdullah Saleh would cover current Arab affairs, with special reference to the Palestine issue and bilateral relations. He has already visited Syria, Jordan and Iraq.

Shah will undergo surgery to remove cancerous spleen

CAIRO, March 28 (R) — A team of doctors, including American surgeon Michael DeBakey, is expected to decide the date of an operation to remove the cancerous spleen of the Shah of Iran, the semi-official daily *Al-Akhar* reported.

Al-Akhar said the doctors have been in consultation since arriving out of the tests on the former monarch Thursday at the armed forces hospital in Maadi, near Cairo.

Earlier Egyptian press reports said the operation would take place on Saturday.

A brief medical bulletin issued Thursday said the ex-Shah's temperature had dropped and treatment would continue as before.

DeBakey and his team arrived from Texas two days ago with blood plasma and medical equipment but would not talk to reporters who have been barred from the heavily-guarded hospital.

The mass-circulation *Al-Akhar* said a number of Egyptians had offered to donate blood for the deposed Shah, whose blood group, B-negative, is rare in Egypt.

Thursday, President Anwar Sadat visited the former Shah for the third time since his arrival in Egypt on Monday from exile in Panama.

DeBakey had intended to remove the enlarged spleen in Panama, the exiled Shah's home for three months until last Sunday, but a dispute arose over whether Panamanian or

U.S. doctors should have responsibility for the operation.

The Shah arrived in Egypt Monday as lawyers for Iran prepared to submit documents to Panamanian authorities requesting his extradition to his homeland to face trial for alleged mass murder and corruption. Sadat has offered him permanent asylum here.

The reported cancer finding bore out the fears of the 60-year-old Shah's doctors that his lymph cancer had spread to the spleen.

A cancerous spleen consumes blood platelets, which assist clotting, instead of regenerating them, and leads to a general weakening, internal hemorrhaging and eventually death, knowledgeable medical sources explained.

Although the spleen can be removed without directly threatening life, the sources said it is highly unlikely the splenectomy will improve the overall outlook for the cancer-stricken Shah.

France Supplement

Arab News today includes a six-page supplement on France exploring its historic ties to the Kingdom, its present industrial activities and future developments of relations.

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Japan, Kingdom join in venture

Ethylene pact to be signed

TOKYO, March 29 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer arrived here Friday for talks with the Japanese premier, Masayoshi Ohira; Foreign Minister Sahro Okita and Minister of International Trade and Industry Masumie Esaki.

Nazer will sign an interim agreement of a

Japanese foreign minister, Sunao Sonoda, visited Saudi Arabia at the beginning of March.

At the time Sonoda praised Saudi Arabia's policy as having an important role in realizing peace and stability in the international community. The present world situation demands peace and stability more than any time in the past, the Japanese official said.

Saudi Arabia and Japan last year signed a five-year program to study the development of more efficient desalination processes.

During a visit by Esaki last July, Japan agreed to a Saudi request to increase by 50 per cent the planned capacity of the joint petrochemical project. The 54 Japanese companies, led by Mitsubishi in a consortium called the Saudi Petrochemical Development Corporation afterwards agreed to the proposal.

In November a final agreement on 600,000 ton a year ethylene plant at Jubail was signed, again a joint venture with a Japanese consortium that included another Mitsubishi company.



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

to establish a year ethylene plant in Jubail by the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation and a consortium of Japanese companies led by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The former

Turkey pushes Arab investment

JEDDAH, March 28 (SPA) — The Government of Turkey decided to encourage Arab investors in tourism, industry and agriculture. Arab Muslims have the right to 100 per cent ownership of any project's capital, while non-Muslim Arabs are allowed 49 per cent ownership of any project's capital.

The information and tourism attaché of the

Turkish embassy here, said on Wednesday that the Arab countries referred to in the Turkish decision are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the UAE, Bahrain, Qatar and Libya. Iran was also included.

The Turkish official said security in his country is restored except for restricted areas where disturbances are linked to internal differences.

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Saudi Comment

By Abdul Rahman Al-Khreeji
Al Riyadh

While we talk about the Riyadh traffic problem, we don't wish citizens to continue to suffer without a move from the traffic officials.

Traffic patrols seem unconcerned with wrongly-parked cars, with unreasonably shrieking horns or a driver aimlessly cruising back and forth wherever he likes. Their only concern seems to be driving along the streets until their shift comes to an end. But think of a situation when someone commits an offense, as if some calamity has struck the earth! Only then does the official on patrol duty start pouring out his vocabulary to prove the offender has committed an unpardonable crime. And the heavens will certainly fall

to earth if the driver ventures to argue with the official.

The relationship between the citizen and the traffic official is supposed to be based on the principle of interaction. Since this official is vested with power, he ought to feel obliged to respect by giving proper respect to the man, even if he has committed a big offense.

Sadly enough, some of our traffic officials lack practice in principles of dealing with the public.

I don't think the Department of Public Security desires to see any officials misbehaving with the public. Let us, therefore, hope the traffic official will consider his job is only to enlighten and educate the public and to punish an offender and deal with him on the basis of his offense.

Calls it wonderful achievement

Baha official inspects hospital

BAHA, March 28 (SPA) — Governor of Baha, Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Abdul Aziz Al-Ibrahim, visited the Central Hospital of Baha Thursday.

Sheikh Ibrahim inspected various departments of the hospital, checked equipment and hospital organization. He described the hospital as "a wonderful achievement." The

hospital has 350 beds, a private wing and several out-patient clinics.

Meanwhile, Prince Muqrin, the governor of Hail, visited the Central Hospital of Hail on Thursday. He inspected departments of the hospital, met workers and visited patients. Afterwards he visited other government departments.

Islamic conference to finalize draft agreements for investment

By Ranaa Siddiqi

JEDDAH, March 28 — Experts from member states of the Organization of Islamic Conference will open a two-day meeting at the OIC headquarters Saturday to finalize the draft-agreement on protection and guarantee of investment between member states, informed sources said Friday.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of 16 Islamic countries and the Islamic Development Bank.

The Kingdom, at last year's tenth Islamic conference of foreign ministers held in Fez, had first proposed the idea of concluding an agreement between OIC member states

stipulating protection and guarantee of investments. The proposal was approved unanimously by the ministers.

The OIC, after consulting existing bilateral and multilateral investment agreements in member states, has drawn up a draft agreement that would be reviewed by the expert group.

Saturday's meeting is a series of expert-group meetings organized by the general secretariat this year, and is occurring a few weeks before the forthcoming Eleventh Islamic Conference due to start in Islamabad, Pakistan on April 16. At that time reports of the various expert-groups are expected to be approved for implementation.

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next month to discuss the problems.

Sadat said he had no objection to meeting with Begin after the summit if this is necessary. The appointed timing of the visits precludes a tripartite negotiating summit in Washington.

The autonomy talks are meant to give self rule to 1.2 million Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. But Egypt and Israel are in total opposition from that point on.

Egypt maintains autonomy must lead to self-determination and, perhaps an independent state. East Jerusalem must be included, and the establishment of Jewish settlement in the territories must be stopped.

The Israelis aim for limited local administration for the Palestinians, with Israel remaining in control of security. East Jerusalem is not open to discussion, they say, and Jewish settlements are legal and will not be stopped.

Passenger slump forces change

Eastern bus service altered

RIYADH, March 28 (SPA) — SAPTCO will make changes in its route services in the Eastern Province — canceling some of them, officials said Thursday. Starting Saturday, routes No. 52 and No. 59 will stop servicing for lack of passengers. Route No. 51 will change to 15 and operate through Dammam services center, passing through Dhahran

airport by Dammam/Dhahran road and reducing its fares to only SR5.

The company also decided to open its second and third stages during the next two months and will provide more buses for the services of the Eastern Province citizens. Buses will operate both inside and outside Dammam and Al-Khobar.

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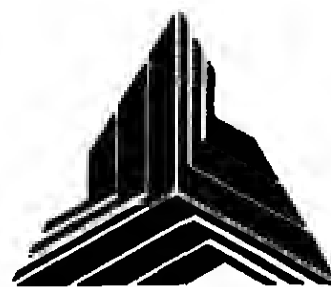
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Solidarity council ends session**Fund encourages Waqf**

JEDDAH, March 28 — The Islamic Solidarity Fund on Thursday ended a six-day session, which reviewed the fund's worldwide activities and approved its draft budget for fiscal year 1980/81.

Delegates stressed the necessity of making appeals to Islamic states to settle their subscriptions regularly to the fund's budget and to make voluntary contributions. The members also encouraged the idea of establishing a special Waqf (Trust) of a \$ 100 million to ensure a steady income for the ISF in addition to donations and subscriptions.

The recommendations of the fund's 16th session under the chairmanship of Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, president of the ISF's permanent council, will now go to the 11th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers to April.

The mandate of the ISF permanent council will expire at the end of June 1980, and a new council will be elected for a two-year term. But before it dissolves, the council will hold a last meeting on June 25 for further discussion of establishing two major Islamic universities in Niger and Uganda.

The new council will hold its first session on November 22 to elect the president and vice-president.

The conference approved the council's revised statute and new by-laws, as well as the statutes of the projected World Center for Islamic Education, the International Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Islamic Commission for the Islamic Heritage, and other bodies.

It endorsed the recommendations of the reports and recommendations of the sub-committees in charge of examining requests for assistance from Africa and the Middle East, the Orient (Asia and Australia), the West (Europe and America), and various universities and higher institutes.

The delegates also examined proposals for providing assistance to some Islamic states, organizations and associations within the framework of the programs marking 15th Hijri century.

The council also examined a report of an expert committee on the project of a teachers' training college in Chicago.

The council discussed reports on a symposium held in Pakistan on the application of the Islamic Sharia, an international symposium on Islam and the New Economic Order, an Islamic youth camp in Mali and youth camps in the United States and Bangladesh.

Muslim World League leader says Islam can check superpowers

NICOSIA, Cyprus, March 28 (SPA) — The assistant secretary general of the Mecca-based Muslim World League said Islamic renaissance was the only solution to check the superpowers' bid to dominate the world.

Safwat Al-Sagqa made the remark on Friday during the Eighth session of the World Islamic Conference, which also unanimously approved the League's proposal to urge the participation of Islamic troops in the U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus.

Last Wednesday, Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, president of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB), told the conference that it was necessary to develop trade cooperation among Islamic states. He urged assistance to poorer Islamic states, which had been hit hard by inflation at the world level.

The conference discussed the establishment of a new and complete system of life based on teachings of Islam. Those who addressed the conference's eighth session emphasized the need for a return to the Islamic law (Sharia).

Kenya's delegate, Dr. Youssuf Eiraj, said there were nearly 90 million Muslim children ranging from three to 13 years of age living as minorities and receiving education at Christian missions. He stressed the need for measures to educate these children in Islamic schools.

Aziz Pasha of Britain said the new

world order must be based on Islamic values and teachings. He added that Islam had had consultative government (Shura) in its early days.

Dr. Fouad Shahin of Canada said the world was in great need for the best and most practical system of life, which was only represented in Islam.

The Turkish delegate, Nevzat Yasintas said five essential points must be kept in mind while considering the introduction of a new world order. He added that "we must be capable of protecting our lands, realizing justice, restoring the rights and enforcing the Islamic laws." He added that Muslims must themselves take the responsibility of making the Islamic principles applicable in Islamic states.

On the other hand, the conference received a message from Indonesia's Vice-President Adam Malik, in which he reiterated that the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians and the Arab and Muslim peoples posed a grave threat to world peace. He said it was the prime duty of all Islamic states to struggle for the restoration of the Palestinian rights and the liberation of occupied Arab territories, especially the holy city of Jerusalem.

Malik urged Muslims to work for solidarity and to rally round the sublime values of Islam, so they can be able to achieve peace, freedom, justice and equality on the basis of Islam.

Communications ministry to open new office for monitoring projects

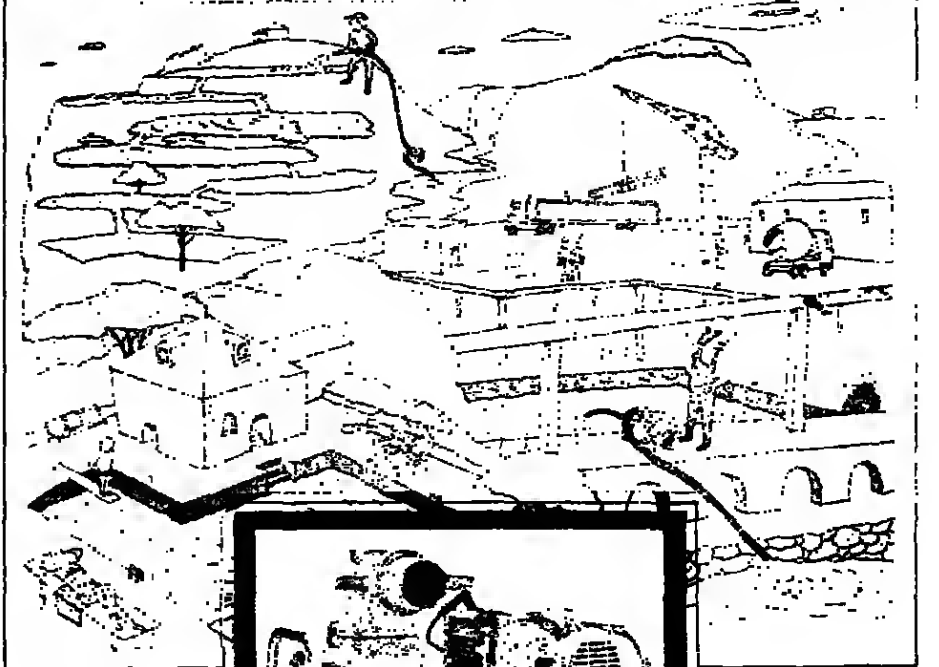
AL-JAWF, March 28 (SPA) — The ministry of communications will open a branch office in this province, Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said this week.

The new office will supervise the ministerial projects going on in Jawf.

Sheikh Mansouri told information media

that his ministry aims to fulfil the ultimate goal of serving the citizen to achieve the necessary facilities and needs.

This is in compliance with the third Five-Year Plan, he said. During this week, Sheikh Mansouri paid a visit to the region to inspect the projects undertaken by his ministry at here.

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DAMMAM, March 28 (SPA) — A French industrial delegation representing six firms is to arrive in Dammam Saturday for a three day visit to the Eastern Province. The delegation, comprises six French companies specializing in electrical tools industry. The team will hold talks with officials of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dammam, and organize an exhibition for their products.

JEDDAH, March 28 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi will open an exhibition of national industries, April 25. The exhibition will be held at the International Fairs Center in Jeddah and will comprise iron, steel, building material, plastic, electrical tool, antiques and carpet products.

RIYADH, March 28 (SPA) — Al-Nasr of Riyadh scored a six to zero victory over the Ohod of Medina in a soccer match here Friday. The first two goals were hit by Majed Abdullah in the first half of the play, while the second half saw four successive goals by Al-Nasr players Darwish Said, Abdullah Abd Rabbih, Saad Al-Sadhan and Lino.

RIYADH, March 28 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water invited would be investors to set up poultry farms, cattle breeding and fodder growing projects on land in Suddair, Basha, and Eastern Province and Qasim. Those interested in developing such projects and make use of the land on offer must submit detailed feasibility studies together with their applications, the ministry said.

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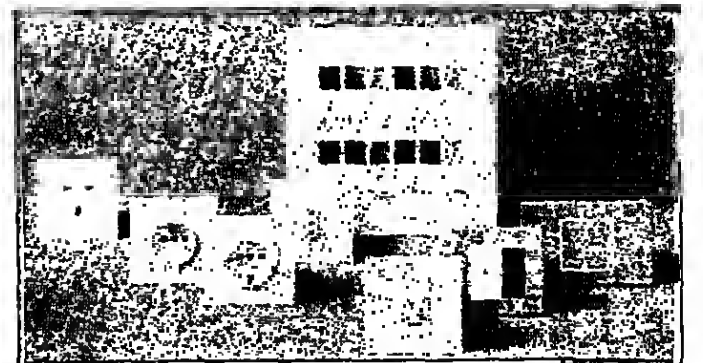


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Europe's Mideast initiative to await autonomy deadline

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) — The European Economic Community will offer its own Middle East peace proposals if the upcoming visits here by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin fail to achieve a breakthrough, a spokesman has said.

Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn, whose country will assume the EEC chairmanship this summer, Wednesday outlined his views to reporters after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The EEC "is quite convinced that we have to find a solution to the Palestinian problem," Thorn said. But he added that the EEC is not interested in unilateral concessions by Israel alone.

"You can't ask for concessions on one side without seeking concessions from the other," Thorn said. He gave that answer when asked whether the EEC would ask

the Palestine Liberation Organization to recognize Israel's right to exist.

But Thorn said the EEC will make no Middle East peace initiative if U.S. President Jimmy Carter, in his talks next month with Begin and Sadat, is able to end the stalemate in negotiations for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Sadat and Begin are scheduled to make separate visits here starting in mid-April.

Thorn also said the EEC will wait until after the Camp David deadline expires on May 26 before going ahead with its own initiative.

The EEC plan entails a revision of U.N. Resolution 242 to include wording which would explicitly recognize Palestinian rights. The Carter administration consistently has opposed any alteration of the resolution.

Front formed to fight Aden regime

BAGHDAD, March 28 (AP) — A South Yemeni opposition front has been formed here to fight the Marxist regime in Aden, the Iraqi News Agency reported Thursday.

The agency said the formation of a "National Progressive Rally" front was announced in Baghdad Wednesday night by three of its founders.

It said among them was Abdul Qawi Makkawi, but did not name the other two.

Makkawi was a leader of the Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY), a group formed to overthrow the Aden regime after the 1967 independence

from Britain.

The agency said Makkawi and other rally leaders had come to Baghdad to participate in the Iraqi-sponsored Pan-Arab Popular Conference convened to discuss President Saddam Hussein's proposal for a pan-Arab national charter calling for the barring of foreign troops and military bases from Arab countries.

The agency quoted a rally spokesman as saying the Aden regime "had been adopting an arbitrary and inhuman policy against the people in general and the progressive and national elements in particular."

Commandos burn 4 Israeli buses

DAMASCUS, March 28 (R) — Palestinian commandos Thursday burned four buses near the village of Abud in the Israeli-occupied West Bank after holding them up with hand grenades and machine guns, the

Palestine news agency Wafa reported.

The agency quoted a Palestinian military spokesman as saying the bus attack was one of two commando strikes inside the occupied areas Thursday.

15 given death sentence in Tunisia

TUNIS, March 28 (AP) — The state security court on Thursday sentenced 15 persons to death for their role in the commando attack last January on the western mining town of Gafsa in which more than 40 persons were killed.

Two of the condemned were sentenced in

absentia.

Ten other defendants were sentenced to life at hard labor, five in absentia, five were given two years at hard labor and nine others received sentences ranging from five years at hard labor to six months suspended.

Floods claim 62 lives in Turkey

ANKARA, March 28 (AP) — At least 62 persons were killed in a village of the Kayseri province in central Turkey Friday because of torrential rains and ensuing floods, government officials reported.

They said the victims were residents of mud huts which were buried under an

avalanche of soil loosened by the floods in the Ayvazci village.

Rescue operations were underway in the village to dig out persons who could still be alive under the rubble of their homes, officials reported. They expressed fear that the death toll could rise.

5 officials sacked in Syrian purge

DAMASCUS, March 28 (R) — Syria Thursday continued its purge of government departments and official businesses in its efforts to reform the administration and increase efficiency.

Official sources said five directors general, involving those of the free zones, the Syrian Commercial Bank, Customs, the Industrial Bank and the Medicaments Corporation had

been dismissed.

Over the past 10 days another 25 senior officials of publicly-owned business were dismissed.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Abdul-Raouf al-Kasbi has warned government departments against dealing with people who had been tried and convicted of embezzling state funds.

Rightist militias attack U.N. posts

BEIRUT, March 28 (R) — The United Nations accused Israeli-backed rightist militias of attacking two of its observer posts at Khyam and Mar in South Lebanon Thursday and taking away personal property.

A spokesman also accused Israeli troops of firing on U.N. observers at a rooftop post at Mar in the eastern sector last Monday. No casualties were reported.

Egypt's party lashes peace treaty

CAIRO, March 28 (R) — Egypt's left-wing Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) said the one-year old peace treaty between Egypt and Israel has failed to achieve Middle East peace and stability.

In a statement issued here Thursday, the

UPP said one year had elapsed since the signing of the treaty and "the aspired peace has not been achieved in the Middle East. The region has witnessed an escalation of the Israeli aggression on Lebanon and more tension on the Syrian-Israeli borders."

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"Perhaps angels dwell among us..."

By Clare Kent

LONDON — "To write about Arabia without reference to Saudi Arabia is like playing 'HAMLET' without the Prince of Denmark." This statement appears early in Molly Izzard's new book about the Gulf.

She attempts to explore and explain the Gulf area including Saudi Arabia. The history of the area is thoroughly examined to show how much each of the countries along the Gulf is dependent on the others.

A great deal of research has gone into the book. Besides the general history of the area, with which most people who have any knowledge of Arabia are familiar, there are extremely interesting sections on slave trading and pearl diving.

We learn that the pearling industry at its height employed 3,000 boats, and some 40,000 men in the Gulf. But, by 1946, that had already dropped to 530 boats and 10,000 men.

Divers used to do around 3,000 dives, of one minute under and three minutes rest, in a season. They sickened with scurvy, the 'bends', open sores and inflamed eyes from the very salty water. They were left with rheumatism, suppurating ear-drums, and weakened lungs.

Mrs. Izzard tells us that the Fjeri music of the Gulf, sea shanties of the pearling fleet, has become fashionable. Educated young Arabs go to listen to the old divers singing their sad songs. Pearling is a part of their heritage and interest in the past is stirring in

the Gulf.

The slave trade too is described in detail. One of the more colorful scenes in the book describes black descendants of slaves performing 'Zarr', the summoning of spirits with the aid of music.

Molly Izzard travelled around the countries of the Gulf before writing her book. But this book is not an account of the superficial observations of a casual traveller. Mrs. Izzard has lived in the area for many years and is very familiar with the Gulf.

Probably the best account is that of Bahrain where she has lived for sometime and most recently. She seems to know this island state better than any of the others and has more to say about it.

On the whole the book is a little muddled for anyone not already familiar with the area. The chapters skip about from one subject to another, and from one country to another. Rather too much has been squashed into one.

But Mrs. Izzard brings interesting insights, ideas and thoughts to the reader who really wants to know about this oil producing area so important to the world. She points out that change had already come to Arabia before oil was discovered. Modern technology had already touched the simple Bedouin life. Oil merely speeded up the process of modernization.

Even so, she says, "It was not until the end of the 19th century that the modern Gulf as we know it began to take shape." Before that she tells us Kuwait and Bahrain were "sleepy Arab seaports ruled over by tribal Sheikhs." This is a fact that newcomers tend to forget.

Mrs. Izzard's description of the British time in the Gulf is apt.

"It was like having reasonably well-disposed caretakers in the house. It was kept in order, not because it was particularly cherished, but because if neglected, a squatter might move in. The owners were allowed the use of the basement, and occasionally invited upstairs to tea, but for the most part they were left alone to live their own lives, provided they did not make a row, or interfere in any way with the caretakers' arrangements."

For anyone who has lived anytime in the Gulf area there are many little interesting tidbits. There is news of Dame Violet Dickson in Kuwait. There are the histories of enterprising men like Jashanmal and Spinney, names very familiar to shoppers. And there are comments on the life of expatriates and women.

Perhaps the nicest thought in the book is the one Mrs. Izzard has when looking at all the new buildings springing up in the Gulf, and all the foreigners flooding in to work.

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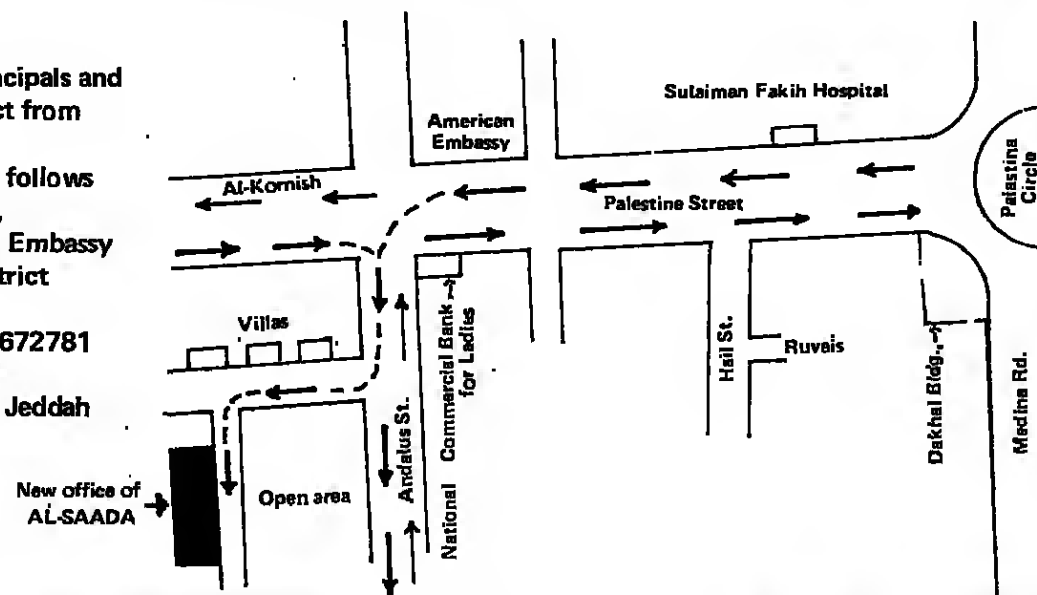
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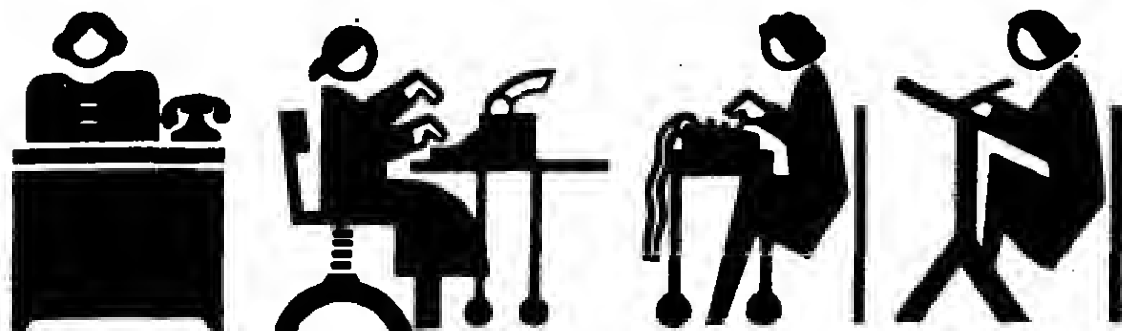
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A majority of weekend newspapers led with the arrival of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid for talks with King Khaled on bilateral relations and the latest situation on the Arab world. In a lead story, *Al Medina* said the PLO was launched a campaign in Europe to confront Jewish hostility. The Franco-British proposal on Palestinian withdrawal from South Lebanon and a recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination formed the lead story in *Okaz*.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* mentioned Zionist pressure on France and Europe in the wake of their pro-Palestinian stances. The paper further reported that India has officially recognized the PLO as the only legitimate representative of the people of Palestine and has allowed the opening of a PLO office in its capital with full diplomatic status. *Al Riyad* also highlighted India's recognition and said that the PLO has rejected a Western proposal to postpone a debate on Palestine in the U.N. Security Council.

In a broad front-page story, *Al Riyad* also covered the International Islamic conference in Famagusta, Cyprus, and quoted Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank as urging development of commercial cooperation among Islamic countries and increased assistance to poorer Islamic states.

Al Medina frontpaged its correspondent's interview with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who was reported as saying India had a new attitude toward its Muslim population and that there was a stress on the consideration of minority problems.

The Cairo University students' demonstration against President Sadat's decision to play host to the former Shah of Iran figured prominently in *Al Medina*.

Al Yom played as its front-page story the departure of Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, the minister of finance and national economy for Washington this week, leading an official delegation to attend the meetings of the Saudi-American Joint Commission in the American capital.

Weekend newspapers generally welcomed the visit of President Benjedid to the Kingdom. They highlighted its great significance and described it as a "new point" in the historic relations existing between the two countries. The editorials were also focused on developments in the issue of Palestine and the general political situation prevailing in the Arab world. *Al Medina* said President Benjedid is striving for Arab unity fully convinced of the fact that Algeria has an outstanding role to play in the sphere of Arab solidarity and pan-Arab unity. The paper emphasized the need for realizing Arab and Islamic solidarity to confront the crucial circumstances now surrounding the Arab and Islamic world.

Al Bilad expressed hope that the Algerian-Saudi meeting will provide new vigor to the Arab stance, adding that the positive outcome of this meetings will consolidate mutual understanding and help in serving the higher interests of the Arab nation.

Dealing with Palestine, *Okaz* said the establishment of an independent Palestine will continue to provide a basis for a firm Arab stance on the right to self-determination for the people of Palestine. The paper warned against moves which jeopardize a correct implementation of the world consensus on the Palestinian state. It referred to the Security Council's impending debate on a Palestinian state and drew world public opinion toward the significance of this move. The paper was, however, optimistic that a favorable opportunity now lay before the world to find a just and acceptable solution to the Palestine issue.

Al Jazirah urged the need for mapping out an Arab strategy for a united action against the Zionist moves in Europe and America which were aimed at neutralizing all positive stances in favor of the Palestine cause. In this connection, it specifically mentioned the hectic moves by the Zionist elements to influence the French attitude declared during the French President's recent tour of some Arab states.

Al Riyad concerned itself with pointing toward the negative and positive aspects of Arab action at the present stage. The paper referred to Moroccan King Hassan's recent visit to France for talks with President Giscard d'Estaing and urged Arabs to boost their relations with France.

Al Nadwa devoted its editorial to denouncing the normalization process between Egypt and Israel and warned against the Zionist plots and their Judaization activities inside occupied Arab territory. The paper said it will be futile for the U.S. to pressure the Israeli government since it was itself under great pressure.

Palaces, ruins, reports

Sana'a hosts a conference on antiquities

Story and photographs
By Rosalind Wade

SANA'A — The Ninth Arab League Conference on Antiquities was held in Sana'a, in the Police Officers' Club, from Feb. 16 to 22. The first such conference was held in 1947. The theme was Islamic Art and Architecture, which was a fitting subject for this old Islamic city with its unique architecture and many beautiful mosques. The conference was well attended by all member states, with the exception of Oman, Djibouti and Somalia. It seemed that all delegates were keen to grasp the opportunity to see Sana'a and the Yemen, which to many was a completely unknown territory. None was disappointed with what he found.

It was opened by the Vice President of the Yemen Arab Republic, al-Qadi Abdul Karim al-Awshy, with the Prime Minister, Dr. Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani and Sheikh Abdullah Hussein bin Ahmad in attendance. Speeches were delivered by the former, the Yemeni Director of Antiquities and Libraries, al-Qadi Ismail al-Akwa', the Director General of Aleco (Arab League Educational, Cultural and Social Organization), Dr. Muhedin Sabr, Dr. Abd al-Hadi al-Tazi, Director of the Research Institute in Rabat and Dr. Majm AL/Din Muhammad Sharif replied for the delegates. All were striving for the preservation of Antiquities — the problems and intricacies of which the delegates to the Conference hoped to solve.

The first couple of days were spent listening to each delegation's reports on their activities, how they were conserving their antiquities, what they proposed to do in the future and where they needed outside help. Once this was over the delegates divided into two groups, with heads of delegations proposing and discussing resolutions to be adopted and the others giving aid and listening to various papers on all aspects of Islamic art, archaeology and history. Many of these were fascinating. Those from Riyadh University were impressive and it is good to see some excellent fieldwork being carried out in Saudi Arabia.

Welcome breaks were taken to visit the Imam's palace, the Dar al-Hajar, in Wadi Dahr, the Great Mosque and Library and the

National Museum during the course of the conference.

On the second day, before the delegates assembled at the Police Officers' Club, the Prime Minister of Y.A.R. opened an exhibition at the Dar al-Kutub, Sana'a's Public Library. The exhibition consisted of photographs contributed by most countries of their Islamic Art and Architecture. The Prime Minister was so interested in the exhibits that he spent about two hours viewing the pictures, having each head of delegation explaining their pieces. The exhibition was then open to the public, but has unfortunately just been removed. It will however be shown in all the major Yemeni towns now, in turn, in order to make it available to everyone. The Arab League plans to make a book of selected pictures from each country.

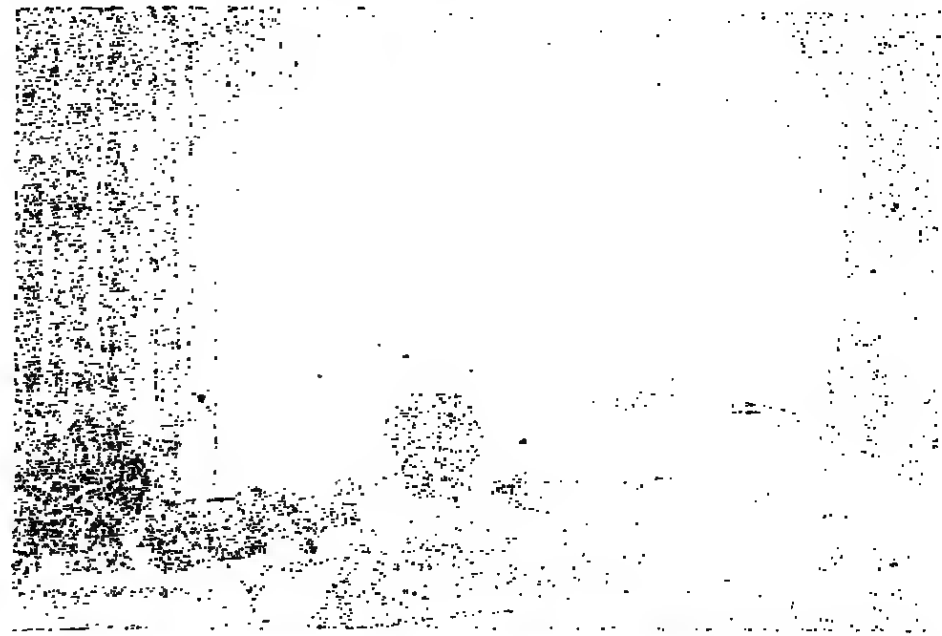
On Thursday Feb. 21 a trip was arranged to Marib for all who wanted to visit this famous site. Two military airplanes were made available for the occasion. The party was met at Marib by the Governor and the Department of Antiquities Representative, and a posse of Toyota land cruisers. Everyone was rapidly whisked off to the celebrated hydraulic systems and the Moon Temple, in a cloud of dust. No one can fail to be impressed by the main dam and certainly all were enthusiastic about the technical knowledge of the ancient Sabaeans. It was a very odd feeling to be back in Sana'a by lunch, in the impersonal, plastic Hadde hotel.

For the following day the Yemeni Department of Antiquities had arranged a short tour of Yemen for those interested. The party spent a night in Hodeidah and a night in Taiz, visiting Zebid en route between the two. The Governor of both cities generously entertained the delegates. For the women the highlight of the trip was an invitation to a typical Yemeni qat chew-cum-tea party (tafri) given by the Governor's wife in Hodeidah. The party was entertained by an exceptional singer from Aden, called Nur Najari, who played the Oud beautifully and sang traditional Yemeni songs. The men, meanwhile, visited the port.

The conference was undoubtedly a success, owing in the main to the organization of al-Qadi Ismail al-Akwa' and his colleagues and the efficient behind the scenes activities of the Arab League secretariat. Yemen has now been placed firmly on the Arab archaeological map and it is to be hoped more concentrated research will be carried out in the future in the country.



Sharjah delegate, Nasser Aboodi, talking to some tribesmen on the south sluice of the main dam at Marib.



The opening of the conference. From left to right are Qadi Ismail al-Akwa', Dr. Muhedin Sabr, Qadi Abdul Karim al-Awshy, Dr. Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, Dr. Abd al-Hadi al-Tazi.



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Gunfights claim 23 as Salvador mourns Romero

3 government ministers flee to protest junta's failure to halt violence

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 28 (AP) — Violence continued sporadically in El Salvador on Thursday while thousands of mourners in the capital filed past the bier of Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the assassinated archbishop who for years fought for social reforms.

A national guard spokesman said another 13 persons were killed during the day, raising the toll of dead in clashes between troops and armed civilians to 23 in the last 24 hours.

The guard spokesman said there were gunbattles and sporadic shooting incidents around the country between leftist guerrillas and government soldiers.

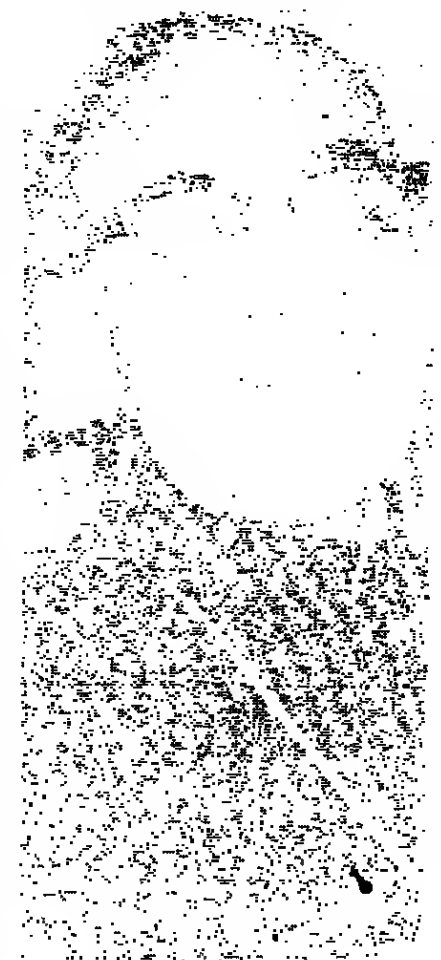
According to the guard, about 50 "armed subversives" attacked a military patrol early Thursday near San Vicente, some 30 miles east of the capital, and seven attackers died in the shooting.

"Armed subversives" is a term government officials and security agencies use in referring to leftist guerrillas.

One armed civilian was killed and another wounded in the same town a few hours later when a group of "subversives" opened fire on another army patrol searching for hidden weapons, officials said.

The official spokesman said another two guerrillas were killed when a small armed group attacked still another military patrol in the department (state) of Morazan, 60 miles east of here.

Earlier in the day, also in Morazan, an unspecified number of guerrillas tried to seize a small landing strip, but soldiers fought back, killing one guerrilla and capturing another, the official said.



Archbishop Romero

The guard spokesman said one former police sergeant was killed by members of the Popular Revolutionary Bloc, a leftist militant group, but he did not give his name or say

where or how the incident occurred.

Nine armed civilians and a soldier were killed in Ciudad Barrios, Romero's hometown 105 kilometers east of here Wednesday when a military patrol trying to search a house for hidden weapons was fired upon.

Meanwhile, three senior members of El Salvador's government, including an architect of its sweeping land reform plan, have quit and fled the country to protest the regime's inability to contain political violence.

Economics Minister Oscar Menjivar, Education Minister Eduardo Colindre and Deputy Agriculture Minister Jorge Villacorta left Thursday after submitting their resignations to the military-civilian because it was "unable to stop the repression."

There was no comment from the junta as it struggled with the rising tide of violence from both the left and right.

Menjivar, a Christian Democrat, and Villacorta, an independent, went to Costa Rica, while Colindre, a Christian Democrat, went to Mexico. The Christian Democrats are the chief political supporters of the junta and two of the three civilian members are leaders of the party.

Villacorta was one of the drafters of the land redistribution program initiated by the government nearly three weeks ago to divide large farms among the peasants. A U.S. land reform expert said the government has expropriated 50 to 60 per cent of this Central American nation's largest estates. But he said it was not yet clear whether the authorities would move quickly enough in taking over smaller farms to defuse mounting tensions.

Reporters on the scene estimated that more than 26,000 persons—in long lines six abreast—walked past Romero's coffin Wednesday and Thursday as it lay in state at the Metropolitan Cathedral in San Salvador.

The ruling civilian-military junta decreed three days of mourning beginning Tuesday, and many stores and offices remained closed

U.S. firm sold arms to S. Africa

MONTPELIER, Vermont, March 28 (AP) — A two-year investigation into illegal arms sales to South Africa by the Space Research Corp. has resulted in guilty pleas by the U.S. company's founder and its former president.

Gerald Bull, the munitions expert who set up Space Research in the mid-1960's, and former company president Rodgers Gregory pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of exporting arms without a license.

Prosecutors contend the two men directed an elaborate scheme in which military hardware, bearing false shipping papers, was sent from the firm's isolated compound straddling the U.S.-Canada border to South Africa via the island of Antigua.

Bull, 52 and Gregory, 59 entered the guilty pleas in U.S. district court in Rutland. A federal grand jury there has investigated Space Research for the past 16 months and was prepared to hand down indictments when a

through that period. Church school and government schools were also closed.

Romero, 62, was killed by a single bullet that was fired by a lone unidentified assassin as the prelate said mass on Monday afternoon in a small hospital chapel.

Some sources linked the killing to the presence in El Salvador of a number of rightist Cuban exiles that government security agencies claimed they detected.

However, rightist and leftist groups vying for power in the country have been publicly accusing each other on the crime.

The .22-caliber explosive bullet entered Romero's left lung and fragments pierced his heart. He died within a few minutes of massive hemorrhage, medical experts said.

Romero's body lay in the unadorned coffin, attired in his archbishop's robes with his head and chest showing through a part-glass, part wooden lid.

Mourners came from all over Latin America and from as far away as the Gregorian Institute in Rome, where Romero graduated as a doctor of theology. The cathedral is an unfinished modern-style building in downtown San Salvador.

Some of the mourners burst into tears as they stood silent by the coffin for a few seconds.

The lines of mourners stretched for almost two blocks in the street outside the cathedral. Militants from the Popular Revolutionary Bloc helped boy scouts and church officials control the crowd.

A group of about a dozen of the militants stood in one corner of the cathedral, under a red-black banner and signs that read "Companion Romero, Lull Victory." Scores of bloc militants seized and barricaded themselves inside the cathedral and in a number of churches in the countryside two weeks ago to demand release of arrested companions and voice other grievances.

A plea-bargain deal was reached, sources said. Space Research activities also are being investigated by Canadian officials and the United Nations Security Council. A U.N. embargo supported by the United States prohibits arms sales to South Africa because of the nation's policy of racial discrimination.

Judge James Holden ordered a presentence investigation for Bull and Gregory and imposed personal recognizance bail of \$35,000 apiece. The businessmen face possible two-year prison terms and \$100,000 fines.

U.S. Attorney William Gray said Bull and Gregory pleaded guilty to the first count of a five-count "information" filed by the government.

The count charged that between April, 1976, and September, 1978, the defendants exported to South Africa at least 30,000 howitzer shells, two 155mm cannons and a radar tracking system.

4 die in Italian police raid

GENOA, March 28 (AP) — Four alleged terrorists, three men and a woman, were killed in a wild shootout when police broke in their hideout in this Italian port city early Friday, authorities reported.

A police officer was reported seriously wounded in the pre-dawn downtown operation by dozens of Carabinieri, Italy's paramilitary police, wearing bullet-proof vests and helmets.

Authorities reported gunfire erupted as soon as policemen entered into a first floor apartment, near the Principe railway station, which the terrorists had turned into hideout filled with arms and documents.

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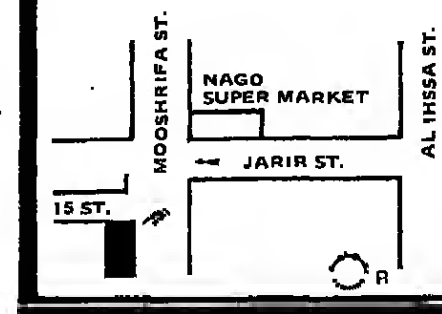
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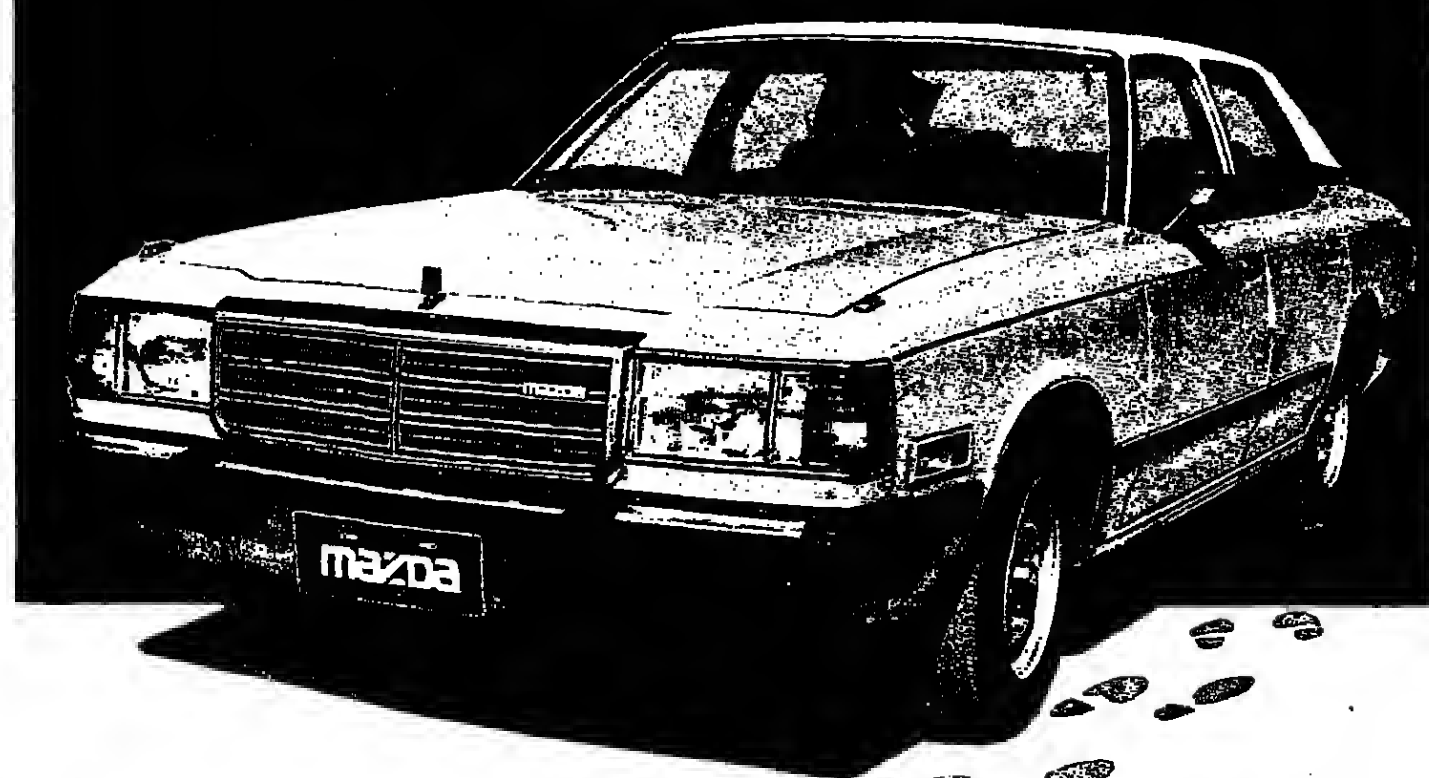
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Keep tabs on neighborhoods

Local cops cut Japan's crime rate

TOKYO, March 28 (AP) — Long after the pinball parlor closes and the taxi queue in front of the railroad station disappears, a red light glows outside the neighborhood police box.

All night, in fact, a solitary policeman may stand his vigil — leaving his post, or koban, to make a foot or bicycle tour of the silent streets.

Some 16,000 kobans are the front line of Japanese law enforcement. Tucked away between shops or in quiet residential areas, these outposts often are barely large enough to contain a desk, a chair and a filing cabinet, and in the cold winter months, an electric space heater.

Some authorities say they are a key to Japan's low crime rate and the principal means by which the average Japanese police officer can exercise a unique degree of public influence.

Policemen in Japan enjoy a prestige that stems partly from the feudal past, when Samurai were the law-enforcers. They were the only ones allowed to carry long swords and authorized to dispatch offending peasants at will.

Today's police carry guns, nightsticks and radios, but their chief weapons are their recognized authority and intensive schooling in community relations. They warn far more people than they arrest.

"People establish peace, not the police," says Jussaburo Sato, a koban officer. Thus the koban becomes not only the place to report a crime, but also to see advice on child-rearing or find a right address in Japan's complicated numbering system. Chances are the policeman in the koban knows more about the 400 or so families in his jurisdiction than most of them know about each other.

Kept under lock in the koban are extensive files on every dwelling and business in the area, updated twice a year and including names, ages and occupations on all local residents or employees, plus descriptions of cars and valuables owned by individuals in the area.

Police officers used to collect this information by interviewing housewives, often over a cup of tea. Now, with more Japanese wives working and more homes empty in daytime, there is less personal contact, a fact deplored by some police officials who feel it important for their officers to be close to the people.

Founded around the turn of the century, the koban system was well established before World War II and during the war it served as a national surveillance system. For that reason it was abolished by U.S. military occupation authorities.

Law enforcement during the occupation from 1945 to 1952, was handled by allied military police but the value of the koban system eventually was recognized and it was restored under the new Japanese govern-

ment. There are occasional discussions of whether the police have too much power in the neighborhoods, and not all Japanese freely volunteer information sought by the police — for political or other reasons.

Nevertheless, officers said in interviews

that most people do cooperate. One koban officer, Satoru Suwahara, called it a "national characteristic" of the Japanese to submit to authority.

Japan's crime rate has risen steadily since 1975, official figures show, and home burglaries are one problem that is often cited.



NEIGHBORHOOD COP: A Japanese policeman points directions outside his post, or koban. In Japan, neighborhood policemen keep extensive records on the families in their sectors, including names, addresses, ages and occupations. Some authorities say the policemen are the key to the country's low crime rate.

U.S. arms set for NATO; CX axed

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department proposed Thursday to sell \$60.3 million worth of weapons to West Germany and Denmark to improve West European defenses.

For West Germany, the Pentagon offered \$49.9 million in electric warfare and radar equipment for five Breguet "Atlantic" aircraft.

The Pentagon said the proposed sale is part of a continuing program involving modification and depot support of the aircraft and is needed to modernize and extend the life of some of the equipment.

For Denmark, the Pentagon proposed the sale of 15 Harpoon missiles at a cost of \$10.4 million to be installed on three frigates to improve the firepower of the Danish navy.

The House of Representatives armed services committee, meanwhile, voted to kill President Jimmy Carter's request for a new fleet of cargo planes to haul heavy army equipment to distant trouble spots such as the Gulf.

On a 22-17 vote, the committee refused to authorize \$80.7 million in research money for the plane, known as the CX.

Long-quiet U.S. volcano spews smoke, ash

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 28 (AP) — Smoke and ash began pouring out of the top of Mount St. Helens in southwestern Washington shortly before 9 p.m. GMT Thursday, following a week of frenzied earthquake activity beneath the long-dormant volcano.

Reporter Mike Beard of Portland radio station KGW spotted the apparent volcanic eruption from an airplane a few feet above

the 9,667-foot peak. "There is smoke and ashes pouring out of it," Beard said. "There is no doubt the eruption is starting."

The ash was drifting down the mountain's snow-covered sides, Beard said. He said the smoke appeared to be coming from a spot slightly north of the summit.

An almost uninterrupted series of earthquakes beneath the mountain this week led

experts to believe a volcanic eruption was imminent.

Most of the people living in the sparsely populated area around the mountain were evacuated earlier this week because of threats the quakes would trigger avalanches, and police blocked off all access of the mountain above the timberline.

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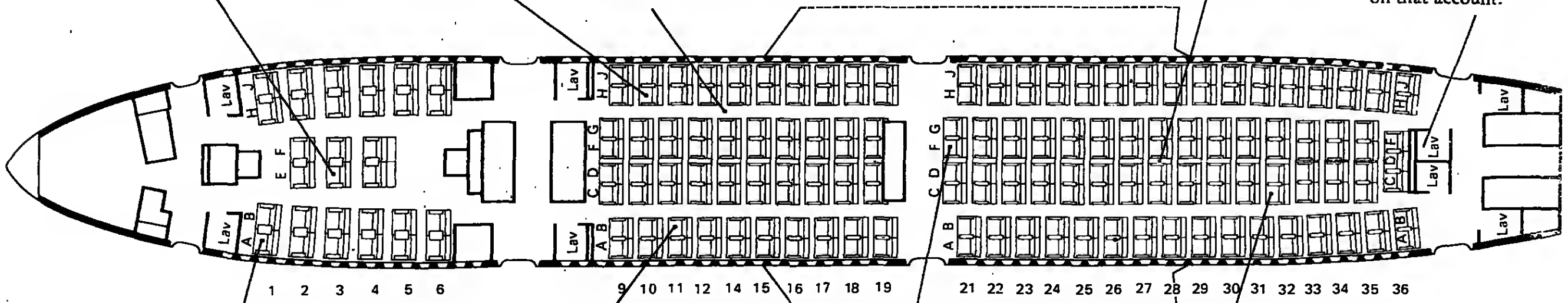
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Carter will cut budget by over promised \$13b

WASHINGTON, March 28 (R) — The White House has disclosed that President Carter intends to cut the 1981 budget by more than \$13 billion he proposed when he unveiled his anti-inflation program almost two weeks ago.

Press Secretary Jody Powell indicated that the cuts would total about \$16 billion, bringing Carter's plans much closer to the \$17.4 billion voted by the House of Representatives Budget Committee.

The president's proposals were drawn up to eliminate an estimated \$10 billion deficit in a \$616 billion budget for the 1981 financial year, beginning Oct. 1, he sent to Congress in January.

The anti-inflation program, announced on March 14, also called for restraints on consumer credit and revenues of \$10 billion from a special fee on oil imports.

Carter told the White House Conference on the aged Wednesday that the 1981 cuts would not affect social security payments, food stamps, or Medicare.

The White House said that the revised budget, disclosing where the cuts are to be applied, would be sent to Congress on Monday.

The United States had a record trade deficit of \$5.6 billion in February, the result of the highest bill ever for imported crude oil and petroleum products.

The deficit was up from \$4.8 billion in January and exceeded the previous high of \$5.2 billion in February 1978.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that total imports in February increased in value by \$3.2 per cent to \$22.8 billion, while exports declined 0.7 per cent to \$17.2 billion.

The cost of imported crude oil and pet-

roleum products increased 18.2 per cent to a record \$7.7 billion last month after declining slightly in January.

David Lund, a Commerce Department analyst, said, "I can't remember a one-month increase like that except maybe during the original oil embargo."

The decline in exports was partly due to a \$123 million drop in gold sales during February, to a total of \$163 million.

The deficit is exaggerated because the import total includes insurance and shipping fees, in addition to the value of the goods, while the export data reflects only the value of the goods.

Total crude oil and oil product imports in February were 256.8 million barrels, up 9.2 per cent from January and eight per cent over a year earlier.

But Commerce Secretary Philip Klutznick said the department expects average oil imports in 1980 to be lower than the February total "because storage tanks are now full and consumption has declined."

Better this time around OECD sees smooth recycling

PARIS, March 28 (R) — The world economy is better placed to absorb recent oil price rises than it was to deal with those of 1973-74, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development believes.

Senior officials attending OECD meeting in Paris say the OECD considers that OPEC members would have a current account surplus of \$120 billion in 1980.

But the OECD believed that world financial institutions could recycle the money. A large part of a \$70 billion oil deficit facing the OECD nations in 1980 would arise in

Silver price collapses

NEW YORK, March 28 (R) — The price of silver plummeted in New York Thursday to one-fifth of its value in January.

Silver closed at \$10.80 an ounce, a fall of \$5 on the day and far below its January level of \$50.05.

The Securities and Exchange Commission Wednesday suspended trading in the stock of Bache Group Incorporated after a company announcement that some of its customers might not be able to meet substantial margin calls caused by the decline in the silver market.

Bache, in which the Hunt brothers from Texas who last year built up a much publicized silver hoard.

Bache, in which the Hunt brothers have a 5.6 per cent stake, said it was proceeding with the orderly liquidation of collateral to meet margin calls to clients but a continuing decline in the silver market would have an adverse effect on its financial position.

Better this time around

countries with stronger economies such as West Germany and Japan. The brunt of the 1974 crisis was borne by the weaker economies of Britain and Italy, who needed help from the International Monetary Fund.

Non-oil developing nations face a 1980 oil deficit totalling \$50 billion, but the OECD officials said a large part of this would arise in more advanced countries like Brazil, the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea, probably best able to support it.

No tax cuts and tighter belts Budget brings Britain even more austerity

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — The government announced Wednesday higher taxes for drinkers, drivers, smokers and North Sea oil companies and slashed state spending in a program of economic "realism."

Buckingham Palace promptly announced that the Queen will cooperate in the drive to cut spending by freezing recruitment for three months and "keeping requirements to a minimum by economizing."

"The Royal Family is fully aware of the need for cuts across the board."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe unveiled budget in a packed House of Commons. "Nothing will be easy for anybody in the years ahead," he warned amid shouts and jeers from the opposition.

He reneged, however, in his party's electoral pledge to cut income tax, although he did substantially raise the threshold at which tax begins to hurt lower-paid workers.

He also announced higher pensions from November.

But the announcement that the so-called "windfall tax" on the profits of North Sea oil companies will rise from 52 per cent to 70 brought gasps. Starting in 1981 the oil companies will have to pay 15 per cent of the tax in advance.

Howe called his program "a breakthrough into realism" in the battle to halt the decline of two decades which came from trying to speed the economy out of recession.

The government's aim in cutting state spending was to reduce the budget deficit and the need to borrow. The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement has already been cut from £11 billion to around £9 billion.

Howe told the House that defense spending will rise by three per cent and on law and order by two per cent during the fiscal year.

But his words were drowned in roars of protest when he said the increases will be paid

for by increasing prescription charges from 70 pence.

But he had good news for pensioners: from next November, he said, pensions for a married couple will go up £6.15 to £43.45 a week

and for a single person by £3.85 pounds to £27.15 pounds.

Child benefits will go up 75 pence to £4.75 pounds a child a week from November.

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Deutsche Mark (100)	176.00	188.00	176.50
Swiss F (100)	186.00	190.00	186.50
French F (100)	76.00	77.25	76.20
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	38.20
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.25	98.15
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Egyptian Pound		4.48	4.41
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Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
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Bahraini Dinar		8.85	8.85
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		73.75	73.25
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Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.45
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MENTOR	11	Cement	3-4-80	9-4-80
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Mrs. Shcharansky pleads for boycott

British Olympic unit appeals for Games assistance

LONDON, March 28 (R) — British Olympic team organizers in head-on collision with the government over participation in the Moscow Games, have issued an urgent public appeal for more money to send sports to the Soviet Union.

The British Olympic Fund has reached little more than half-way toward a target of £1 million. The government, which has demanded a boycott, has refused to make up the difference.

"We would like everyone of goodwill to send us a donation to ensure that we can send the best possible team to the Games," Fund secretary George Nicholson told reporters. "Whether we can send a full team will depend on the success of fund-raising during the next

three months. We urgently need £400,000."

The British Olympic Association Tuesday voted by almost three-to-one to attend the July Games. The decision to go to Moscow was the first reached by a major Western Olympics association and it placed Mrs. Thatcher in an embarrassing situation, as she had become the toughest Western campaigner for a boycott.

Mrs. Thatcher had even outdone President Carter, who originally proposed the Boycott.

One decision yet to be announced is on the position of Prince Philip. Official informants said the government advised him and other members of the Royal Family not to attend the Games.

Prince Philip had been due to go as presi-

dent of the International Equestrian Federation. Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips are prominent international riding competitors.

Buckingham Palace says that no decision had yet been made by the Royal House over whether or not Prince Philip would attend. "Of course he is very well aware of the government's position and a decision will be made in the fullness of time," official said.

It was taken for granted here that members of the Royal Family could not attend Moscow in the teeth of government opposition. Similarly, no ministers or officials will be there.

In The Hague, the wife of jailed Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky has appealed for a boycott, saying it was immoral to hold them when Human rights activists such as her husband were imprisoned.

"The Olympics are a symbol of freedom, love and friendly relations. It is immoral that they should take place in Moscow when people like my husband who have fought for these aims are in jail," she told a press conference.

Mrs. Avital Shcharansky, who now lives in Israel, said she was in favor of a boycott of the games. "They should be moved to another place, unless those who are innocent are released."

Dutch Parliamentarian Harry Van Den Bergh, chairman of a foundation organizing international efforts to free Shcharansky, told the news conference that the Soviet authorities had cracked down on human rights campaigners recently, ahead of the Olympics.

Shcharansky, 31, a member of a group monitoring Soviet observance of the 1975 Helsinki agreements, was sentenced in 1977 to 13 years' detention for espionage.

In New York, the president of the U.S. Olympic Committee said Thursday "there are growing voices within the USOC to look a-

other alternatives besides staying out of the Games."

Bob Kane said more opinions are surfacing that differ with Carter's call for a boycott.

"One is the athletes' recommendation that we go to the Games and make a protest, such as staying out of the opening and closing ceremonies and not going to the podium to accept medals and, perhaps, not staying at the Olympic village," Kane said.

Kane also pointed to the view of Bob Helmick, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, who said he sensed a mood among USOC members not to cooperate with the boycott. Helmick said some American Olympic officials appear willing to "stand up for what they feel is basically right. That means fielding a team in Moscow if the Boycott isn't a success."

The athletes' position has been articulated by the Athletes and the USOC. Helmick has been a voting member of the USOC since 1972.

"I'm merely pointing the different views out, not espousing them," Kane said. "I don't want to give a personal opinion because then it becomes a USOC position."

Kane also denied published reports that had him saying that it was growing more likely that the United States would be sending a team.

The Bermuda Olympic Association meanwhile said Thursday it will boycott the Olympics.

Scots beat Portugal

GLASGOW, March 28 (R) — Scotland beat Portugal 4-1 (halftime 2-0) in a European Soccer Championship Group Two match here Wednesday night.

Scorers — Scotland: Dalglish, Gray, Archibald, Gemmill; Portugal: Gomes. Attendance: 17,956.

By Portland

Clippers cut out of playoff race

NEW YORK, March 28 — With Bill Walton on the sidelines, as he has been for most of the season, because of recurring problems with his injured foot, San Diego was eliminated from contention or the National Basketball Association playoffs Tuesday night.

Fittingly, they were eliminated by none other than the team Walton left behind, the Portland Trail Blazers, who assured themselves of the sixth and final Western Conference playoff berth by beating the Clippers 96-93.

Kermit Washington, the all-star power forward who went from San Diego to Port-

land with reserve center Kevin Kunnert, two first-round draft picks as compensation for the loss of Walcott, hit a short jumper with 34 seconds left to give Portland a 92-91 lead.

Bingo Smith put the Clippers back on top with a 15-foot jumper with 21 seconds to go, but rookie forward Calvin Nait hit two free throws for Portland with nine seconds left, then added two more to clinch the victory after Marvin Barnes had missed a shot for San Diego.

Meanwhile, two playoff berths remain open in the Eastern Conference. New York could have clinched one Thursday, but the Knicks dropped a 103-101 decision to the Philadelphia 76ers. The Washington Bullets, another contender, also lost, to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Today

Rubstic tipped for National

LIVERPOOL, March 28 (R) — Rubstic's early morning gallops through the sea mist shrouding a deserted Scottish beach paid off last year when he found hidden reserves of strength to win the Grand National by a length and a half from Zongalero.

On Saturday, the 11-year-old will be back here at Aintree, firm favorite to repeat that success, proof that trainer John Leabutter's confidence in his horse is shared by bookmakers and punters alike.

Rubstic has competed in some 70 races in his jumping career and has not fallen.

That attribute took him round the 30 awesome fences here last year and with jockey Maurice Barnes again in the saddle the partnership will be hard to catch.

At 151 pounds Rubstic will be carrying 11

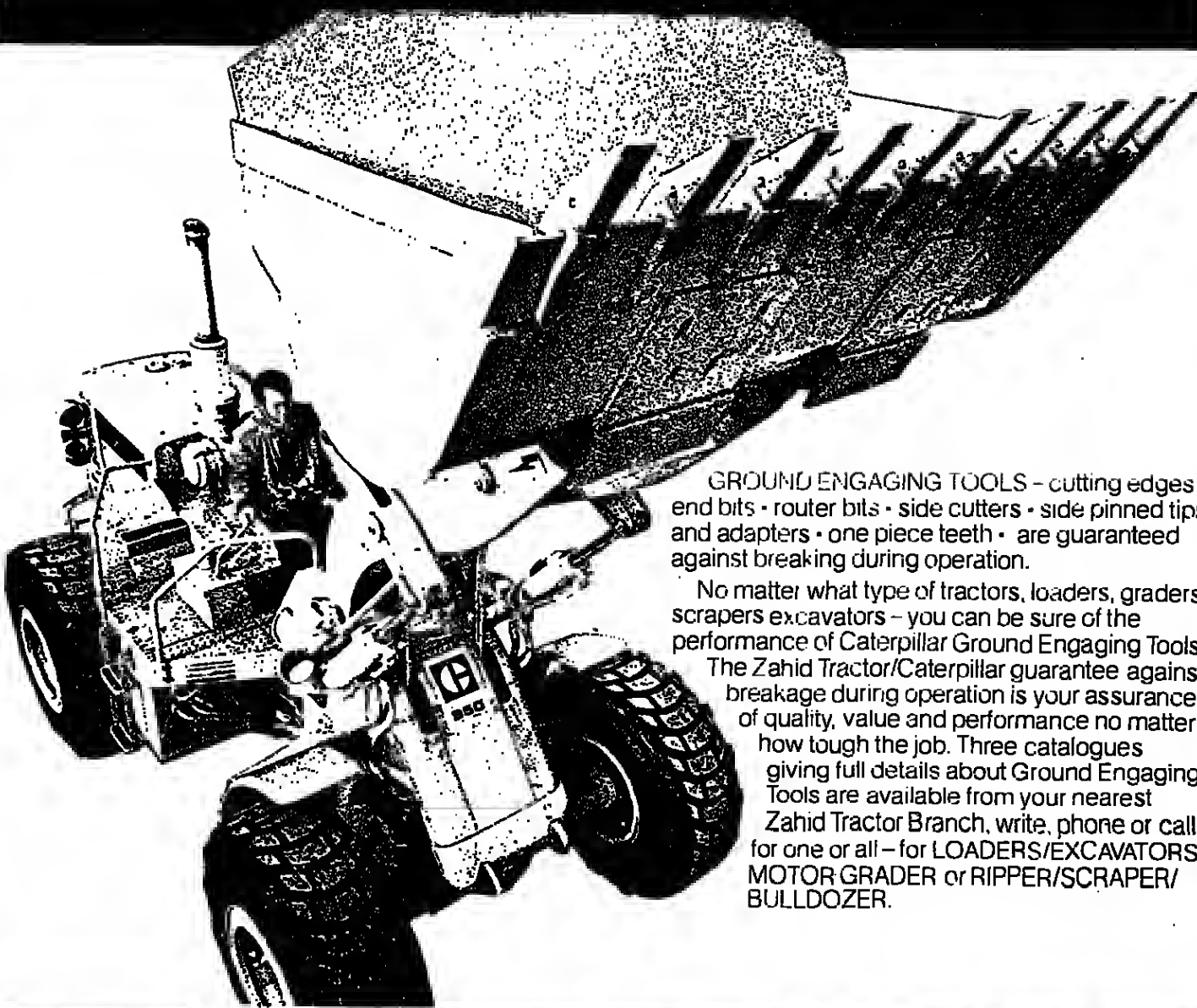
Pate takes lead in Heritage golf

PHILION HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 28 (AP) — Jerry Pate mastered chilly weather and gusty winds with a five-under-par 68 and established a two-stroke lead Thursday in the first round of the Heritage golf classic.

"A helluva score. With the conditions, maybe the best of the year," said John Mahaffey, who shared second at 68.

"It was a nasty day, a day when it was very difficult to score. That 68 is an excellent round of golf," said Tom Watson, the defending champion, who shot one-under par 70 in the tricky winds that blew through and around the pines and moss-dripping oaks on the Harbour Town links.

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
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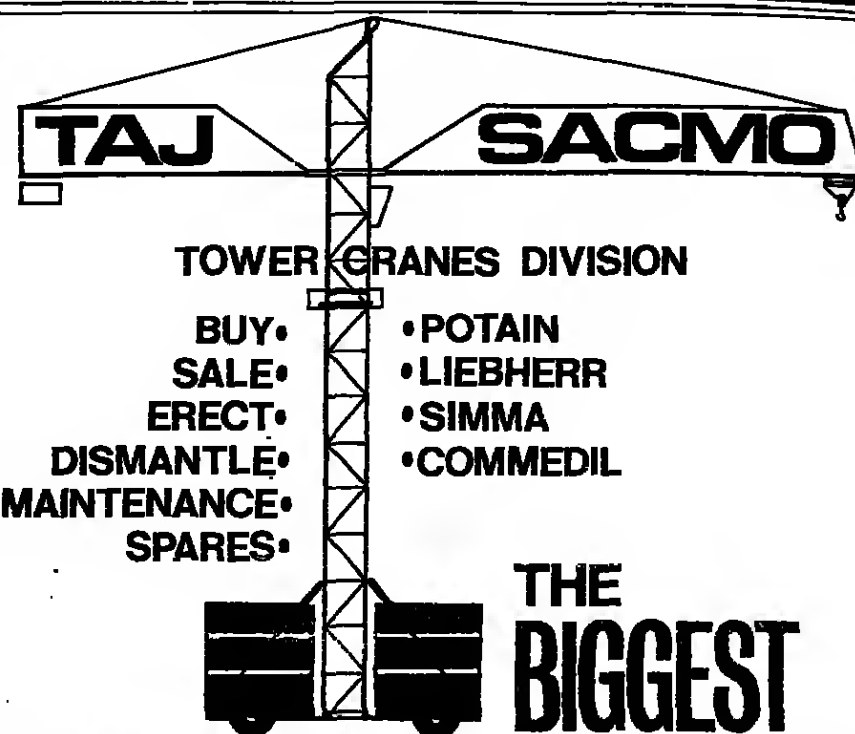
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THANKS, BUT OUR CHEF PREFERS COLD CASH.

HERE'S FIFTY CENTS.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK I'LL GIVE HIM THE COMPLIMENTS.

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THAT'S THE THIRD DUMB THING YOU'VE DONE TODAY!

I'M WRITING IT DOWN! IT'S GOING IN THE BOX!

OKAY! OKAY!

WHY DID BEETLE RUN OUT OF HERE LIKE THAT?

HE HATES TO HEAR SARGE SAY THE NAME OF THE BOX.

THE BEETLE BAILEY BOO-BOO BOX!

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BROTHER HAGAR, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN AN ALL-POWERFUL FORCE THAT GOVERNS OUR LIVES AND WATCHES OUR EVERY MOVE?

YOU MEAN BESIDES WOMEN?

WIZARD

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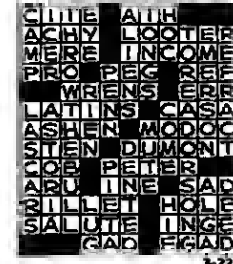
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

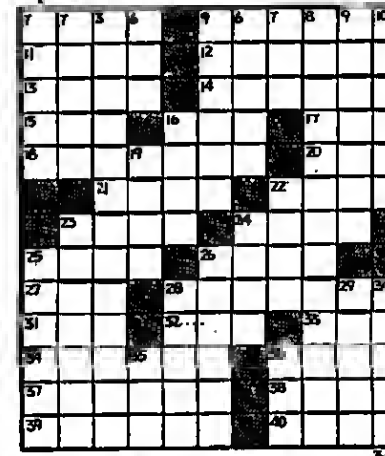
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 African fox
 - 2 Gone to seed
 - 3 Scattered
 - 4 Word
 - 5 Mouth
 - 6 Egg dish
 - 7 Night before
 - 8 Shipment
 - 9 Business abbr.
 - 10 Have use for
 - 11 Notice
 - 12 Decays
 - 13 Vulgarism
 - 14 Shards
 - 15 Pound down
 - 16 Biblical verbal ending
 - 17 Cocktail
 - 18 Hebrew for Lord
 - 19 Links them
 - 20 Mexican tree
 - 21 Lack of musical appreciation
 - 22 Farinelli highlight
 - 23 Elze
 - 24 With: Fr.
 - 25 Took time out
- DOWN**
- 1 Colorado resort
 - 2 Unravel
 - 3 These are often whispered
 - 4 Spanish queen
 - 5 Produced seeds
 - 6 Subdued
 - 7 "Butterflies in Free"
 - 8 Poor pitcher's pitch
 - 9 Dancer
 - 10 Powell
 - 11 Spot
 - 12 Hispanic
 - 13 Inez
 - 14 "Butterflies in Free"
 - 15 "enchanted evening"
 - 16 Ship's ladder
 - 17 Proffered
 - 18 Wobble
 - 19 Arranged in rows
 - 20 Phase
 - 21 Foreign
 - 22 Resound
 - 23 Grow at
 - 24 Swiss



Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X X
= L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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L V G R W G T R Z K V W K N J O A J L
R V G F K F Y W J G A X W - K X R G R G Z V

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Strike While the Iron Is Hot

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 7 2
♥ 2
♦ K Q 5 4 3
♣ A K 7 4

EAST

♠ 9 8 6
♥ A J 4
♦ A J 7 5 2
♣ 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 10 8 5 4
♥ K 9 6 5 3
♦ 10
♣ 9 6 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	10	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♦	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♣	Pass	Pass	1♣

Opening lead - queen of spades.

The value of a hand is often affected by bids the other players make, and a good part of what is called bidding skill rests on how well one re-evaluates the worth of a hand as the picture keeps changing from one moment to the next.

Here is an example of the guiding principle. The deal occurred in a national team of four championship. Probably most players would pass with the West hand, but Mike Becker, son of this writer, opened the bidding with one club.

Moreover, West found the killing lead of the queen of spades. Declarer ducked in dummy, but naturally assumed that West had the Q-J and East the ace and another spade.

South eventually won down three to the tune of 500 points. West was exceptionally well rewarded for recognizing that even a minimum opening bid sometimes changes its complexion completely and becomes a powerhouse.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

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Medina	5:02	6:16	12:34	4:01	6:39	8:09
Nejd	3:33	5:52	12:03	3:30	6:09	7:39

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4:30 Children's Show	Woolly Woodpecker: Robin-Phantom
4:57 Young Peoples Special	Palm Trees and Icebergs No. 405
5:20 Sanford & Son	Head on Collision
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- 2:30 Hits in Germany
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Music
- 3:20 Majesty of Islam

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- 9:05 Gems of Guidance
- 9:10 Light Music
- 9:15 Melody Makers
- 9:45 The Golden Age
- 10:00 A Viewpoint
- 10:10 Music
- 10:15 NEWS
- 10:25 S.A.
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- 1.30 Discovery
- 2.00 World News
- 2.09 News about Britain
- 2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
- 2.30 Sports International
- 2.40 Radio Newsreel
- 3.15 Promenade Concert
- 3.45 Sports Round-up

- 4.00 World News
- 4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
- 5.15 Report on Religion
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? Find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Others seem unpredictable or unsure of their feelings. Don't neglect tasks. Take responsible attitude toward duty.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

It's tough and go in romance. Others may surprise you by their behavior. Be skeptical about love-at-first-sight situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Attend to domestic tasks. A take-it-or-leave-it attitude will only worsen the situation. Take off those rose-colored glasses.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Your word is your bond, but the same may not be true about others. Misplaced faith could lead to disappointments or surprises.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Be responsible about possessions. Don't leave yourself open to be taken advantage of. Be flexible re changes in schedules.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Watch out for premature displays of affection. Someone could suddenly get cold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Pay no attention to rumormongers. Watch out for unexpected expenses. Others are unpredictable now. Refrain from arguing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You may be attending staid party. Your attempt to live it up may not be appreciated. Not a time to loan money. Avoid risks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may be nervous about romantic situation, and it impedes concentration. We out for dubious business propositions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Entertainment plans subject to change. If so, lose faith in human nature. Allow others the benefit of doubt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You may be concerned about money. SHU, skeptical of get-rich-quick schemes. Evening finds you in an unconventional mood.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

A possible change of plans a trip or meeting. Do tune out if others confront with their problems. sympathetic.

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Macbride asks new Shah probe

Iran delays hostage debate

TEHRAN, March 28 (R) — Iran's future parliament now seems unlikely to start discussing the issue of the U.S. hostages in the occupied American embassy before the first half of June at the earliest.

Government leaders have said that a second round of elections to the parliament could be delayed for at least a month because of an inquiry into allegations of fraud in the first ballot.

The second round had previously been expected to be held on April 4, with government leaders predicting that the 270-seat parliament would start work by mid-May.

But members of the ruling Revolutionary council said a commission investigating the first election, started work only last Tuesday and would take a month to make its report.

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr told reporters: "We will have to wait a month for the results of the inquiry...and then let us see that we will be able to organize the second round as soon as possible afterwards."

Meanwhile, former Irish foreign minister

lan Macbride arrived Friday in Iran at the invitation of the government, raising speculation that his scheme for an independent commission of inquiry to help solve the hostage crisis might be revived.

Macbride, who was in Tehran in December, said he had yet to meet Bani-Sadr. He said the invitation for him to return had come from the president.

In the meantime, he declined to give any information on the purpose of his visit, which he said would last until Monday.

The arrival of the Nobel peace prize-winner and international human rights activist follows the failure of a United Nations-staffed commission of jurists to break the deadlock in the five-month-old crisis.

The five-man commission left Iran two weeks ago, having completed an investigation of the alleged crimes of the former Shah but without having paid a promised humanitarian visit to the Americans at the U.S. embassy.

Failure to carry out the second half of its twofold mandate has meant the commission

has been unable to present a report on its findings.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini made a visit to the hostages conditional on publication of such a report, a condition the commission said it found impossible to accept.

Macbride said Friday his own initiative for an independent commission of inquiry, discussed here with government leaders last December, still stood.

In a written report on his last visit, Macbride said the purpose of his commission would be to investigate whether there were grounds to believe violations of human rights, torture, murder, enslavement or expropriation of public property had been carried out by or on behalf of the ex-Shah during the years 1953-1979.

If the commission concluded there were grounds for trying the ex-Shah, it would press for the establishment of a "Nuremberg-type" tribunal by the United Nations to put him and his associates on trial, Macbride wrote.

The commission would also determine whether the ex-Shah's alleged crimes justified the setting up of a congressional enquiry in the United States to investigate the extent of U.S. involvement with the Shah's regime.

One condition set by Macbride last December was that the American hostages should either be released, or a release date should be set, as soon as the commission starts work.

Khomeini has given Iran's parliament the task of setting the terms for the hostages' freedom and because of days in the two-round election program it is not now likely to debate the issue before mid-June.

Tehran's Friday prayer leader, Hojatoleslam Khamene'i, said at Friday's mass prayers at the city's university that the United States was behind the ex-Shah's move from Panama to Egypt last weekend.

He said the hostages should be put on trial if the former monarch was not returned to Iran unless the representatives of the people decide otherwise.

On the strength of returns so far from Tehran, Khamene'i is likely to be among the assembly's 270 deputies.

In Washington, meanwhile, three of the six Americans who escaped from Iran with Canadian help last January sued the Iranian government for damages Thursday.

The three diplomats sued in federal court for \$90 million. Parents of two of the diplomats asked for an additional \$20 million, for a total of \$110 million.

Treatments fail to revive Tito

BELGRADE, March 28 (AP) — Doctors treating Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito issued a terse advisory Friday saying that their intensive treatments had brought no change in his serious ill health.

"The general state of health of the President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito remains very grave," the eight-doctor panel said in their daily mid-day bulletin. "Intensive treatment continues."

As of Friday, the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader began his 77th day at the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia. He entered the clinic because of a circulation problem that forced the amputation of his left leg on Jan. 20.

Gold prices up; market 'pro-dollar'

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — Gold rallied slightly in Europe Friday morning, but silver prices continued to fall after Thursday's panicky drop. The dollar was mixed in what one foreign exchange dealer called a basically "pro-dollar" market.

Exchange markets around the world seemed to ignore U.S. trade figures for February which showed a record deficit of \$5.37 billion, up from \$4.8 billion in January and largely due to the increased cost of imported oil.

Perhaps offsetting this news, dealers noted, was U.S. congressional approval for a windfall profits tax on oil company profits.

Gold which fell \$80 a troy ounce in London between Monday and Thursday, was fixed at \$490 Friday morning, up from Thursday's closing 474.

In Zurich, Gold sold for \$483.50 up \$3. Gold had plunged \$32 in New York Thursday to a closing \$475, and was \$2.97 lower in Hong Kong early Friday at \$485.91.

Silver sold in London for \$13.25 an ounce, down from \$14.50 late Thursday.

Thursday's silver sell-off was attributed to the major U.S. brokerage firm Bache, liquidating large silver holdings of the heirs of Texas Tycoon H.L. Hunt, said to be in need of collateral.

Closing prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	480.50
Paris	494.25
Frankfurt	493.07
Zurich	486.50
Hong Kong	485.91

Kissinger: 'Get tough with Iran'

WASHINGTON, March 28 (R) — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has suggested that only a showdown with Iran might now win the release of the U.S. hostages in Tehran.

"It is a difficult decision to make," he told NBC Television, "but until the point is reached when we say 'you are not going to squeeze anything further out of us and the penalties for holding the hostages are worse' they will have an incentive to delay and delay."

"It seems to me that that has happened."

His remark followed a government statement that new moves were being considered against Iran to make it free the 50 U.S. hostages held since November.

Asked if a showdown would not endanger the hostages, Kissinger, foreign policy chief to Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, said their lives were already at risk every day they were held.

Kissinger flatly denied Iranian charges that he engineered the flight of his friend, the



Henry Kissinger

former Shah, from Panama to Egypt at the weekend on the eve of Iran's move to extradite him from Panama.

He suggested President Jimmy Carter's chief of staff, Hamilton Jordan, might have helped circulate the story. It was "passing strange," he said, that Panamanian officials put out hints of his involvement in the Shah's move after a visit to Panama by Jordan.

'Expect a happy outcome'

Bogota predicts crisis end

BOGOTA, March 28 (AP) — Government officials here say that they are confident the hostage crisis in the Dominican Republic embassy will end peacefully, but that the solution could be as far as two weeks and five more negotiating sessions away.

Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Vargas told reporters late Thursday that the next round of talks in the month-old siege would not be until next week.

A government source said the talks are "still on track" but would last at least two more weeks.

"Perhaps as many as five more meetings will be required to reach agreement with the guerrillas for the release of their hostages," he said.

Uribe Vargas said a date for a new round of talks would be met on Friday.

"By all means we expect a happy outcome," he said.

He talked with reporters after he met with Viron P. Vaky, a former U.S. undersecretary of state for inter-American affairs who is here as a special representative of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said Vaky would "assess the situation and report back to the secretary."

Vaky, who retired last year, is a former ambassador to Colombia and now is a dean at Georgetown University in Washington.

In all the guerrillas held 13 ambassadors or

acting ambassadors among their 29 hostages.

Government sources say the first seven rounds of direct talks have centered on the guerrilla demand that alleged political prisoners be freed in exchange for the hostages.

The original demand was for the freedom of 311 prisoners, but that was whittled down to 28.

The government claims it is not constitutionally empowered to free the prisoners, who it says are jailed for common crimes and not for their political beliefs.

The independent newspaper *El Espectador* said the government is considering moving the cases of the 28 out of military courts, where they were placed by virtue of the state of emergency in effect in Colombia, and putting them in the civilian judicial system in the hopes that this will convince the guerrillas to free the hostages.

The report could not be independently confirmed although during the last negotiating session on Wednesday the government presented the guerrillas with a list of the charges against the 28.

The M-19 guerrillas who shot their way into the embassy during a diplomatic reception on Feb. 27 take their name from presidential elections of April 19, 1970, which they claim were fraudulent.

It was not clear whether the list of 28 prisoners represented the guerrillas' rock-bottom demand or whether they are still holding out for the release of 311 prisoners.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazan

The way of the world. The good news and the bad news. The silver lining and the dark cloud, the dark cloud and the silver lining.

King Midas' good news was that everything he touched turned to gold. The bad news was that this included his food so he died of starvation.

The bad news was that of the American paratrooper whose parachute failed to open as he opened the door and screamed "Geronimo!" The good news was that, although he plunged four thousand feet he still lived. The bad news was that he broke every bone in his body and had to spend a year in hospital. The good news was that he left walking on his own two feet.

The bad news was that a certain American lady was so miserable she decided to commit suicide. She went to the eighty-fourth floor of the Empire State building in New York and jumped. The good news was that, as she fell to the seventeenth floor, a strong gust of wind pushed her into an open window, and she survived.

Both these are true stories, carried by the news media. But here is a story known only to his hero and a few of his friends.

He is an Arab here in London. The bad news was that his house needed fixing. The worse news was that he decided to do it himself. He took a strong power drill and made a deep hole in the wall. Whereupon the worst of all news came about. He hit a live electric wire.

He was taken to hospital. In coma and with severe burns. Very bad news.

But he came out of it all right. Good news.

But there was even better news for him. He started his home improvement a chronic sufferer from arthritis. He came out of hospital with all pains of that illness gone. And, months after, it still shows no signs of returning.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

Zimbabwe list skips S. Africa

SALISBURY, March 28 (R) — The Soviet Union, Communist China and the United States have been invited to attend Zimbabwe's independence celebrations on April 18, but South Africa has not been asked, spokesman for British governor Lord Soame has said.

He said the governor's office had been asked to extend the invitations on behalf of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe to 96 countries. These included members of the Commonwealth and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and other states, and representatives of international bodies like the United Nations and the EEC.

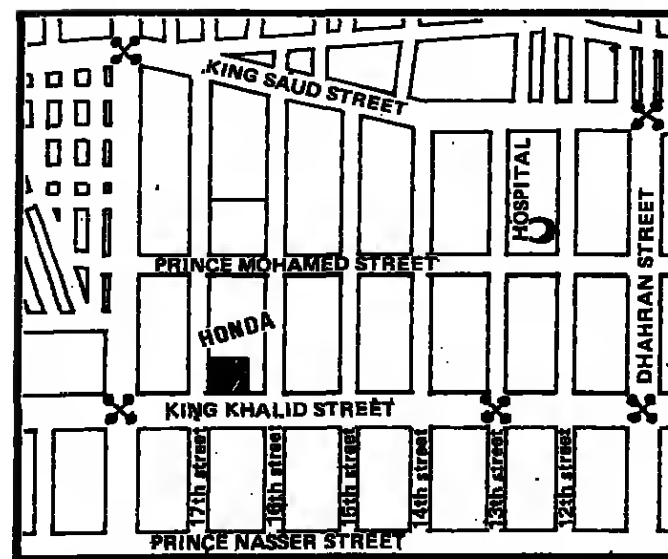
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